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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 24, 2008. Claims 1-3 and 5-23 are pending, with claims 1, 21 and 22 being in independent form. Claim 4 was previously canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 15, 18 and 20-22 have been amended to correct minor informalities therein, without narrowing a scope of the claimed subject matter.

The abstract was objected to as having informalities. Claims 1-3 and 5-23 were objected to as having informalities. The Office Action also indicates that the application is otherwise allowable.

By this Amendment, the abstract and the claims have been amended to correct the formal matters noted in the Office Action.

Accordingly, applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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